DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 17:14–23

Read through the passage together before you begin.

1. What are some mountaintop experiences you have had? How have they helped or hurt your spiritual life?
2. Read Mark 9:14–29. Take a few minutes to compare this text with Matthew. What are the similarities and differences?
3. Jesus describes a 'faithless' generation (vs. 17). Whom is he talking about? How can religion mask faithlessness?
4. What does Jesus' exorcism show us about his character and power?
5. Jesus calls the disciples individuals of 'little faith.' What does he mean? Where else do we find that description in Matthew? How does that help us understand what he means?
6. What does Jesus mean by 'mustard-seed' faith? What does that look like?
7. Why might Matthew place Jesus' prediction of his death and resurrection (vs. 22–23) right after this teaching on faith? What does that pairing suggest about the kind of faith Jesus is calling for?
8. What were three parts of true faith described on Sunday? Where do you feel like your faith lacks?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As a group, confess where your faith feels small, and ask God to grow a mustard-seed faith in one another this week.